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# Abbreviations and Acronyms

ASG	-	Ateneo School of Government
BALANCED	-	Building Actors and Leaders for Advancing Community Excellence in Development
BFAR	-	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
BSU	-	Batangas State University
CAO	-	City Agriculture Office
CCCN	-	Calamianes Conservation and Cultural Networks
CCEF	-	Coastal Conservation Education Foundation
CI	-	Conservation International
CLWLUP	-	Comprehensive Water and Land Use Plan
CMMO	-	Coastal Marine Management Office
COP	-	Chief of Party
COR	-	Contracting Officer's Representative
CTI	-	Coral Triangle Initiative
CTSP	-	Coral Triangle Support Partnership
CRM	-	Coastal Resource Management
CRS	-	Community Relations Specialist
DA	-	Department of Agriculture
DBM	-	Department of Budget and Management
DCOP	-	Deputy Chief of Party
DOST	-	Department of Science and Technology
DENR	-	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DILG	-	Department of Interior and Local Government
EAFM	-	Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
ECOFISH	-	Ecosystems Improved for Sustainable Fisheries
ELAC	-	Environmental Legal Assistance Center
FAO	-	Food and Agriculture Organization
FARMC	-	Fisheries Aquatic and Resource Management Council
FGD	-	Focus Group Discussion
FIMC	-	Fisheries Information Management Center
FIQS	-	Fisheries Inspection and Quarantine Service
FISH	-	Fisheries Improved for Sustainable Harvest Project
FishR	-	National System on Municipal Fisherfolk Registration
FMO	-	Fisheries Management Office
FOO	-	Fisheries Office Order
FRMD	-	Fisheries Resources Management Division
GPH	-	Government of the Philippines
GPS	-	Global Positioning System
ICTO	-	Information and Communications Technology Office
IEC	-	Information, Education and Communication
IPRG	-	Information and Public Relations Group
JICA	-	Japan International Cooperation Agency
LGU	-	Local Government Unit
LMP	-	League of Municipal of the Philippines

MAO	-	Municipal Agriculture Office
MARINA	-	Maritime Industry Development Authority
MEAT	-	Management Effectiveness Assessment Tool
MENRO	-	Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office
MERF	-	Marine Environment Resources Foundation
MFO	-	Municipal Fisheries Officer
MKBA	-	Marine Key Biodiversity Area
MOA	-	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	-	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	-	Marine Protected Area
MPDC	-	Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
MSU	-	Mindanao State University
NAPC	-	National Anti Poverty Commission
NFRDI	-	National Fisheries Research Development Institute
NGO	-	Non-Government Organizations
NOAA	-	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration
NSAP	-	National Stock Assessment Program
OPA	-	Office of the Provincial Agriculture
OPAPP	-	Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process
PACPI	-	Philippine Association of Crab Processors, Inc.
PAO	-	Provincial Agriculture Office
PAWB	-	Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau
PCG	-	Philippine Coast Guard
PCSD	-	Palawan Council for Sustainable Development
PEMO	-	Provincial Environmental Management Office
PFO	-	Provincial Fisheries Office
PGENRO	-	Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Office
PNP	-	Philippine National Police
PPP	-	Public Private Partnership
QAQC	-	Quality Control and Quality Assurance
QRT	-	Quick Response Team
REECS	-	Resources Environment and Economics Center for Studies Inc.
SEP	-	Strategic Environmental Plan
SB	-	Sanguniang Bayan (Municipal Council)
TTDC	-	Tawi-Tawi Divers Club
TWG	-	Technical Working Group
UP-MSI	-	University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute
USAID	-	United States Agency for International Development
VIP	-	Verde Island Passage
WPEA	-	Western Pacific East Asia
WWF	-	World Wildlife Fund

# **1. Introduction**

The technical assistance and services contract was awarded to Tetra Tech for the implementation of USAID/Philippines' Ecosystems Improved for Sustainable Fisheries (ECOFISH) Project in June 29, 2012, under contract number AID-492-C-12-00008. The main objective of the ECOFISH Project is to improve the management of important coastal and marine resources and associated ecosystems that support local economies. The ECOFISH Project is intended to foster fishing sector reforms through the application of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) in larger marine conservation areas and involving clusters of Local Government Units (LGUs). It will promote the growth and restore the profitability of fisheries through conservation of ecosystem health and effective management.

The ECOFISH Project is in line with the current U.S. Country Assistance Strategy with respect to assistance directed at reducing threats to biodiversity and improving natural resources and environment. The ECOFISH Project is expected to contribute to achieving "Development Objective 3: Environmental Resilience Improved," particularly "IR3.2 Natural Resources and Environmental Management Improved" of the results framework of USAID/Philippine Mission's Country Development Cooperation Strategy (2012-2016). The Project is also designed to contribute to priority goals and actions laid out in the Philippine Development Plan (2011-2016) particularly Chapter 4 (Competitive and Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries), and Chapter 10 (Protection, Conservation and Rehabilitation of Environment and Natural Resources). This five-year project will provide technical assistance to the Government of the Philippines (GPH), through the Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) and implemented in partnership with selected LGUs.

This report is a brief quarterly update covering the period 01 April – 30 June 2013. It consists of a monthly calendar of activities for the quarter and discussion of important accomplishments and priority implementation issues.

## **2. Project Objectives**

The main objective of the ECOFISH Project is to improve the management of important coastal and marine resources and associated ecosystems that support local economies. It will conserve biological diversity, enhance ecosystem productivity and restore profitability of fisheries in eight marine key biodiversity areas (MKBAs) using the ecosystem approach to fisheries management (EAFM) as a cornerstone of improved social, economic and environmental benefits.

The application of EAFM principles and practices is a proven approach for reversing the decline of fish biomass in municipal waters and build community resilience. EAFM aims to manage fisheries at ecosystem scales rather than the scales defined by jurisdictional boundaries. Effective collaborative governance arrangements for EAFM provides the multiple benefits of improving ecosystem management, reducing the unit costs of management, and making the establishment of

sustainable financing mechanisms and public-private partnerships (PPPs) more feasible and attractive to investors. Development of PPPs is a key strategy of the Philippine Development Plan.

The ECOFISH Project is designed to make an impact in eight (MKBA) in the country, namely: (1) the Calamianes Group of Islands MKBA, (2) Lingayen Gulf MKBA, (3) Ticao Pass – Lagonoy Gulf - San Bernardino Strait MKBA, (4) Danajon Reef MKBA, (5) South Negros MKBA, (6) Surigao del Sur and Surigao del Norte MKBA, (7) Tawi-Tawi in the Sulu Archipelago MKBA, and (8) Verde Island Passage MKBA. They represent all six marine bio-regions of the Philippines and were selected due to their extremely high need for marine biodiversity conservation. These areas are marine ecosystem “hotspots” in the Philippines that mirror the common issues impacting capture fisheries locally and nationally.

### 3. Monthly Calendar of Key Activities

#### 3.1 National Level Activities

<b>April 2013</b>	
01 April	Ecosystem-based adaptation planning workshop of Conservation International for Verde Island Passage with local government staff and other stakeholders in Batangas City.
02 April	Meeting with NAPC Secretary Joel Rocamora on Poverty Reduction Plan for the Fishing Sector.
05 April	NOAA and ECOFISH meeting on potential activities for collaboration. Participated in the focus group discussion with key national agencies in connection with the NOAA scoping mission.
08 April	Meeting with First Gen (Natural Gas Energy Company) on major strategic partnership to potentially expand “Bantay Dagat” support outside Mabini and Tingloy in the VIP, institutionalize the BRAVO Marine Protected Area Awards, and provide support to community-based business plans through “conservation stewardship agreements” in the VIP. Meeting with BFAR Region 4B Director Ruben Jardin, briefing of BFAR key staff on ECOFISH, discussion and initial agreements on activities for collaboration, and reporting and updating protocols.
10 April	Meeting with BFAR Region 8 Director John Albaladejo and briefing of BFAR regional, provincial and key staff on ECOFISH and discussion and initial agreements on activities for collaboration.
11 April	Meeting and briefing with the VIP socioeconomic baseline assessment enumerators in Batangas City.
12 April	Delivered lecture on “Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainability” to more than 30 local government officials at the San Agustin College, Coron, during

	<p>the Region 4B DILG LGU Conference “Accelerating External Sources of Financing for Calamian Municipalities’ Local Infrastructure and Development Projects”.</p> <p>Meeting with “The Coron Initiative” to discuss potential synergies in training for business planning and deployment of community partnerships at future date.</p>
13 April	Meeting with NAPC Undersecretary Jude Esguerra on potential areas of collaboration in the drafting the Poverty Reduction Plan for the Fishing Sector.
15 April	<p>PPP Specialist conducted 3-day partnership scoping activities in South Negros MKBA to identify livelihood priorities and business ideas from major stakeholders such as the LGU, people’s organizations, and the private sector.</p> <p>ECOFISH team meeting on integration Climate Change Adaptation into ECOFISH activities particularly into policy work, baseline assessment, and training activities.</p> <p>Meeting with MERF technical staff on standardization of sampling procedures and data storage and retrieval for the fisheries baseline assessment.</p>
15-19 April	Focus group discussion with key partners and training of enumerators for the Socioeconomic Baseline Assessment in South Negros MKBA.
17 April	FGD on climate change strategy for ECOFISH, with partners UP-MSI, CI, Ateneo School of Government (ASG), Aksyon Klima, and USAID.
22-25 April	Quality assurance and quality control (QAQC) of the fish catch monitoring for the fisheries baseline assessment in Danajon Bank. Observed fisheries data collection and meeting with enumerators to discuss refinements and improvements of fisheries data collection.
22-26 April	Focus group discussion with key partners and training of enumerators for socioeconomic baseline assessment in the Danajon Reef focal area municipalities.
23 April	Conducted a 3-day partnership scoping activity in the Danajon Reef MKBA to identify livelihood priorities and business ideas, from major stakeholders such as LGUs, people’s organizations, and the private sector.
27 April	FGD on administrative adjudication in Tagbilaran, Bohol participated in by representatives of Tubigon, Talibon and Ubay, RARE Conservation, BFAR, Metropolitan Trial Court of Bohol.
29 April	<p>PPP Specialist met with Chevron and ISO to discuss feasibility of pursuing partnership to enhance Marine Protected Area management in Poro Point and beyond.</p> <p>ECOFISH team meeting to discuss FishR launching, activity update, revisit of deliverables, PPP update, documentation requirement of project activities, and visit of Dr. Nancy Knowlton of the Smithsonian Museum to the VIP.</p>
<b>May 2013</b>	
02 May	Meeting with USAID’s R. Guieb, and Liza Osorio and Rizaller Amolo of Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation (CCEF) on Secretariat services for the Danajon Reef Resource Management Council
06 May	<p>PPP Specialist conducted 3-day partnership scoping activities in the Lingayen Gulf MKBA to identify livelihood priorities and business ideas from major stakeholders such as the LGU, people’s organizations, and the private sector.</p> <p>Presentation of ECOFISH with DENR Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau</p>



	(PAWB) and discussed areas of collaboration and resolution of overlaps with PAWB's initiatives.
06-09 May	Focus group discussion with key partners and training of enumerators for socioeconomic baseline assessment in the Lingayen Gulf focal area municipalities.
07 May	Meeting with Director Perez and BFAR staff on preparations for FishR launching
08 May	ECOFISH-BFAR TWG meeting and ocular inspection of venue in preparations for FishR launching.
08-09 May	BFAR-NSAP consolidation of fisheries data for Visayan Sea generated by Regions 5, 6 and 7. Agreement reached on protocols to estimate input parameters for information gaps to provide options for Visayan Sea management initiatives on small pelagics and blue crabs.
14 May	ECOFISH team meeting on launching of FishR, NAPC's and BFAR's poverty reduction program, and planned MOU signing among Microsoft, ECOFISH and DOST on the use of TV white space (or super WiFi) to support fisherfolk registration activities in Danajon Bank.
15 May	Meeting with Conservation International (CI) and BFAR on Ocean Health Index and proposed closed season for Verde Island Passage.
16-17 May	Presented use of reference points in fisheries management by the BFAR-NFRDI National Stock Assessment (NSAP) workshop/training on GIS and biological reference points. Lectured on introduction to the use of ecosystem modeling, primarily on Ecopath with Ecosim in fisheries assessment and management.
17 May	Conducted stocktaking of scoping results from VIP, Calamianes, South Negros, Lingayen, and Danajon Reef, and screen list of priority livelihoods for community partnership/business planning training.
21 May	Meeting with SMART Communications to discuss major strategic partnership on the use of Infoboard Service (mass SMS protocol) for enforcement in Tawi-Tawi, and development of mobile registration platform for vessels and gears.
20 May	Meeting with Kingfisher Park of Coron to discuss possible participation in community partnership trainings and their request for technical assistance in master planning for EAFM.
21 May	Team meeting and final preparation activities for the launching of the National Program for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR).
22 May	BFAR-ECOFISH launching of the National Program for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR).
23 May	ECOFISH Team debriefing after the launching of FishR, preparation activities for the MOU signing of the PPP initiative on the use of Super WiFi to support ECOFISH registration and enforcement activities in Danajon Reef.
24 May	Meeting with CI, LGUs surrounding Balayan Bay, and private fishing operators for the proposed closed season for Balayan Bay and waters in the Verde Island Passage.
27 May	Meeting of the National Committee of the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion (SSME) in Coron to discuss status of implementation, monitoring indicators of the fisheries management initiatives and national and tri-national activities in

	the SSME.
28 May	Inception meeting of the BFAR Technical Working Group (TWG) for the proposed closed season of the round scad in Northern Palawan. Discussed activities, tasking, and collaboration mechanisms among individuals, institutions, and agencies to be involved in the initiative.
<b>June 2013</b>	
03 June	ECOFISH-BFAR TWG meeting with PhilHealth and DBM on FishR post-launch assessment, FishR rollout, next step activities including plans for TV White Space Supported Fisherfolk Registration and Mobile Registration Options in selected municipalities of Bohol through strategic partnership with DOST and Microsoft. Presented ECOFISH Project to the Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries of the Provincial Board of Palawan. The committee endorsed the implementation of ECOFISH in Palawan and recommended a presentation during the plenary session of the Provincial Board.
04 June	Finalized concept note for strategic partnership with PACPI, consensus on actions and budget approval.
04-05 June	Participated in the CTI workshop in Tagaytay on the costing of the CTI's National Plan of Action, specifically for the activities outlined in Goal 2: Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management. Inputs from the project's general implementation plan and fisheries-related activities and estimated costs in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion Action Plan were used.
05-06 June	Fishery law enforcement assessment and planning for the Danajon Reef focal area municipalities.
05-07 June	Fisheries use zoning workshop for the Calamianes Island Group. Revisited the draft of previous water use zones, reviewed and modified existing water use zones, and identified policies to support Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan (CLWUP) in general, and fisheries use zones in particular.
11 June	FGD with commercial fishing operators, municipal fishers, and local government officials on the proposed closed season for several small pelagic species in Balayan Bay and part of Luzon Sea.
17 June	ECOFISH-BFAR TWG meeting on implementation strategy and training for FishR to be conducted in all regions.
17-21 June	FGD with partners and training of enumerators for the socioeconomic baseline assessment in Sorsogon MKBA.
18 June	Presented ECOFISH Project at the plenary session of the Provincial Council of the Province of Palawan. Approval by the Provincial Board and endorsement to the PCSD.
18-19 June	Visit of Dr. Nancy Knowlton to Batangas: including a talk with high school and college students, discussion with provincial government officials led by the Vice Governor, on measures to conserve corals and the marine ecosystem.
19 June	Briefing mayors of pilot sites Ubay, Bien Unido, Trinidad, Talibon, and Carlos P Garcia and organized logistics and finalize preparations for MOU signing for strategic partnership between DOST-ECOFISH and Microsoft on TV White Space Supported Fisherfolk Registration in the Danajon Reef".
19-21 June	ECOFISH Orientation for the Verde Island Passage MKBA held in Taal,

	Batangas. Conducted enforcement assessment, presentation of basic enforcement principles and processes, introduction to concept of fisheries management and EAFM in particular, assessment of state of marine habitat, fish stocks, and socio-economic conditions, benchmarking of fisheries management governance, presentation of various fisheries management options for the VIP cluster of municipalities, and action planning.
20 June	Meeting with USAID, ECOFISH and LMP re: long-term partnership strategy and mechanism to promote EAFM among member LGUs.
25 June	PPP Specialist met with key officials from DOST, Microsoft, USAID and ECOFISH to coordinate and discuss the program for MOU signing to be held on July 3 at the Panglao Island Nature Resort and Spa. Developed three poster studies re: BFAR FishR launch in Region 5.
26-28 June	Western Pacific East Asia (WPEA) workshop in Cebu on the management of the oceanic fisheries of the Philippines, Indonesia and Vietnam. Conducted review of the country outcomes from the WPEA 1 Project and review of the terminal evaluation report, drafting of the strategic results framework, identification of national level indicators and targets, formulation of national level activities, and general agreements on the regional level activities.

## 3.2. Site-Level Activities

### 3.2.1. Calamianes Island Group

<b>April 2013</b>	
03 April	Meeting with OIC of BFAR- Fisheries Inspection and Quarantine Service (FIQS) to provide project updates. Ms. Elsa Cruz, the FIQS head, is BFAR's designated point person on ECOFISH matters for the area.
04 April	Attended and participated in the Siete Pecados Marine Park Management meeting and provided inputs in the identification of issues and concerns in the management of the park.
08 April	Meeting with BFAR Region 4B Regional Director Ruben Jardin and his staff. Some of the agreements noted during the meeting are: a) Site coordinator will coordinate with Palawan Provincial Fishery Officer to discuss the livelihood and swapping scheme to address illegal activities; b) Regional Director will convene a meeting with PNP Maritime, FARMCs and PCG to discuss the illegal activities in Calamianes; c) Mr. Marvin Ranada was designated as focal person for ECOFISH project in the regional office; and d) Proposed MOA and profiling of Oriental Mindoro will be discussed in the meeting of the BFAR Regional staff.
10 April	Meeting with Coron Municipal Development Officer and Tourism Officer to discuss about the design and schedule of the proposed water use zone planning workshop.
11 April	Coordinate participation of ECOFISH in the DILG orientation forum. Coordinate meeting with Calamianes Conservation and Cultural Networks

	(CCCN) to explore potential partnership.
12 April	ECOFISH attended and participated in the Orientation forum in accelerating external sources of financing for Calamian LGUs priority infra projects organized by the DILG Calamianes. Provided inputs about ECOFISH project and presented the private public partnership concept. Meeting with CCCN to initiate discussion on possible partnership.
15 April	Collected Leahy vetting forms from PNP Linapacan and submitted to ECOFISH Cebu office.
16 April 17 April 18 April	Preparation for the Marine Spatial Use Planning workshop including the design and identification of participants. Blessing of ECOFISH office in Coron, Palawan.
19 April	Drafting of workshop design for the Calamianes MPA and MPA Network Forum.
23 April	Meeting with DILG Calamianes to present the Integrated Marine Use Planning workshop design and discuss about potential collaboration work with the agency.
24 April	Briefing with Culion fish catch enumerators regarding field visits in their area.
25-30 April	Visited fish landing sites of the following barangays in Culion, Busuanga and Coron: Jardin, Osmena, Libis, Burabod and Balala and Chindonan Island, Salvacion, Bogtong, and Bintuan to insure fish catch data quality assurance and quality control. Marked fish landing sites using GPS and conducted Initial inventory of fishing gears in the sampling sites.
<b>May 2013</b>	
01 May	Field visit to Barangay Bulalacao to monitor fish catch monitoring data and conducted initial fishing gear inventory.
02 May	Meeting with DENR to coordinate upcoming activities in Calamianes.
03 May	Coordinate the Calamianes Enforcement assessment workshop to BFAR Region 4B.
08 May	Submitted the requirements to Sangguniang Panlalawigan for project endorsement resolution. The endorsement resolution is part of the requirements for Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) clearance. Meeting with BFAR PFO Paciano Gianan to discuss about the upcoming enforcement activities.
09 May	Meeting with Provincial Agriculturist Engr. Guia and Assistant Provincial Agriculturist Romy Cabungcal to discuss about project updates. Meeting with Atty. Grizelda Mayo-Anda, Executive Director of ELAC to seek legal advice on administrative adjudication system in other municipalities in Calamianes Islands and other environmental issues such as <i>Lambaklad</i> in Barangay Panlaitan, Busuanga and proposed Bunker fuel in Coron.
10 May	Coordinated courtesy meeting with the PNP Provincial Director Atanacio Macalan.
11 May	Courtesy meeting with Palawan PNP Provincial Director to introduce the ECOFISH project and discuss the upcoming enforcement activities in Calamianes.
15 May	Coordinated the learning visit of Barangay Decabobo, Coron to Cebu and

	Bohol.
18 May	Conducted ocular survey in Barangay Guadalupe to determine number of fishermen and fishing gears.
20 May	Preparation for Marine Spatial Planning Workshop; coordinated logistics for the upcoming event. Meeting with Barangay Chairman of Decabobo to discuss the logistical requirements for their learning visit to ECOFISH site in Bohol.
23 May	Meeting with Dante Agulto from NFRDI to discuss about rapid assessment being conducted in Barangay Guadalupe. Meeting with Teresita Camacho, Senior Technical Officer of NAPC, about ECOFISH work in Calamianes Islands
27 May	Attended Sulu-Celebes Sea Sustainable Fisheries Management Project meeting. Meeting with Danica Lopez, Programme Assistant from C3 to explore possible partnership on enforcement and MPA.
28 May	Meeting with Region 4B Regional Director Jardin, NFRDI, OPA to discuss about the proposed management actions for roundscad "galunggong" in selected sites of Palawan.
29-31 May	Facilitated distribution of invitation letters to partners on Integrated Marine Spatial Planning Workshop and Calamianes Enforcement Assessment Workshop in Culion and Busuanga.
<b>June 2013</b>	
04 June	Presented the ECOFISH project to the Palawan Provincial Council Committee members of Agriculture and Fisheries to solicit support regarding request for endorsement resolution. Informal meeting with Palawan Vice Governor Clara Reyes regarding ECOFISH project implementation in Coron.
05-07 June	Facilitated the Calamianes Marine Spatial Use planning workshop. The Planning-Workshop brought together over 40 participants and provided an opportunity for the Calamianes Local Government Units, ECOFISH staff, and enforcers represented by Philippine Coast Guard and PNP Maritime to interact and share information on what has been done since the last Marine Spatial Plan workshops were conducted in July 2009 facilitated through FISH project.
10-11 June	Facilitated logistical preparation for the Calamianes MPA Network forum.
13 June	Coordinated project presentation to the Palawan Provincial Capitol.
14 June	Initiated secondary data gathering and identify data gaps to be inputted in the Calamianes Fisheries profile. Facilitated disbursement of salary of fish catch enumerators.
18 June	Provided a short briefing about the ECOFISH project to the members of the Palawan Provincial Council during their regular session. After the briefing, the council unanimously agreed for the approval of the endorsement resolution. Meeting with the Office of the Provincial Agriculture staffs to discuss project implementation activities.
20 June	Preparation for enforcement assessment workshop and Calamianes MPA Network Forum.
25 June	Finalized logistics for the Calamianes MPA Network Forum. Provided technical inputs to the PPP specialist on screened business plans and

	ideas for Calamianes Group of Islands.
27-28 June	Meeting with Barangay Council of Barangay 5 Coron, Palawan regarding their proposed study tour in Cebu and Bohol. Provided administrative assistance to the BFAR-NFRDI in the identification and recruitment of enumerators for the fish catch monitoring in Coron.

### 3.2.2. Danajon Reef

<b>April 2013</b>	
01 April	Conducted orientation with the newly hired supervisor of the enumerators for fish catch monitoring and data encoder.
03 April	Discussed and coordinated with the MAO and MPDC of the five municipalities (Tubigon, Clarin, Inabanga, Buenavista and Getafe) in the focal area regarding the purpose and schedule of the FGD on socioeconomic baseline assessment and profiling.
09-10 April	Coordinated and conducted courtesy call and briefing of ECOFISH team with Regional Director and key staff of BFAR Region 8.
11 April	Monitored progress of fisheries catch monitoring for the baseline assessment in the various island sampling sites in Danajon Bank.
12 April	Updated the Regional Director of BFAR 7 and the Provincial Fishery Officer of Bohol regarding accomplished and on-going ECOFISH activities.
18 April	Monitored progress of fisheries catch monitoring for the baseline assessment in the various mainland sampling sites in Danajon Bank.
22 April	Coordinated with the Provincial Fishery Officer of BFAR regarding the conduct of orientation on socio economic survey and the focused group discussion in the municipal level. Facilitated in the conduct of FGD on socioeconomic profiling in the municipality of Tubigon.
23 April	Facilitated FGD on socioeconomic profiling in the municipality of Getafe and Buenavista.
24-25 April	Facilitated the conduct of FGD in the municipality of Inabanga and the conduct of training of enumerators on socioeconomic profiling.
27 April	Facilitated in the conduct of Round Table Discussion on adjudication process.
29 April	Meeting with ELAC and Tanggol Kalikasan on coordination of law enforcement activities.
30 April	Monitored progress of fisheries catch monitoring for the baseline assessment in the various island sampling sites in Danajon Bank.
<b>May 2013</b>	
02 May	Participated in the various activities of the Bohol Coastal Resource Management Task Force in celebration of the Month of the Ocean.
03 May	Participated in the coastal clean up activities of DENR particularly in the port area of Tagbilaran City.
07 May	Monitoring of the enumerators on socioeconomic profiling in the municipalities of Getafe, Buenavista, Inabanga, Clarin and Tubigon.
08 May	Served as resource person for a University of Washington Masters student's

	study on the impact of FISH Project in Danajon Bank.
17 May	Assisted the enumerator of socioeconomic profiling in conducting dialogue with the Barangay Captain of Tinangnan, Tubigon.
30 May	Meeting with the Regional staff of QRT in Cebu in preparation for the enforcement assessment and other enforcement matters.
<b>June 2013</b>	
05-07 June	Facilitated and coordinated the conduct of three day coastal law enforcement assessment and planning workshop for the 5 municipalities in the focal area and the 5 municipalities of the FISH Project.
10 June	Participated in the meeting of the Provincial TWG on improvement of MPAs in Danajon Bank
11 June	Coordinated with the Municipal Mayors of the five municipalities (Ubay, Bien Unido, Trinidad, Talibon, Carlos P Garcia ) on preparation activities for the launching and piloting of the online Fisherfolk Registration in Danajon Bank using Super WiFi technology.
14 June	Facilitated and coordinated with Fisheries Biologist regarding the various activities of fish catch monitoring and the gear inventory in Danajon Bank.
19 June	Coordinated with the PPP Specialist during the meeting with the Municipal Mayors of Ubay, Bien Unido, Talibon regarding the MOU signing between DOST-ICTO, Microsoft, and BFAR-ECOFISH.
25-26 June	Facilitated the invitation of the PFO and Mayors of 5 municipalities for the MOU signing between DOST Microsoft and ECOFISH for the online Fisherfolk Registration in Danajon Bank using Super WiFi technology
28 June	Provided Information Education and Communication (IEC) input during the celebration of the Dolphin Festival.

### 3.2.3. Lingayen Gulf

<b>April 2013</b>	
02 April	Consolidated data on MPAs in Lingayen Gulf MKBA and forged collaboration with MAOs on work plans towards MPA strengthening.
10 April	Final design for the conduct of MPA Monitoring and Habitat Assessment Training for BFAR Region 1 staff was submitted and approved for co-funding by the Regional Director. BFAR Region 1 allocates PhP 113,000.00.
11 April	Attended Climate Change meeting in Malacañang and Month of Ocean meeting at CMMO to enlist ECOFISH participation.
17 April	Conducted orientation and workshop with local partners (BFAR, PAO, CAO of San Fernando City) on ECOFISH work plan for MPA strengthening, MPA networks and conduct of fisheries planning workshops for the formulation of Municipal Fisheries Management Plans. Forged informal agreement on cooperation on the implementation of fisheries management IEC in La Union province.
19 April	Conducted meeting with Provincial Agriculture fisheries staff resulting to agreement to collaborate in the conduct of MPA trainings and MPA Network establishment

30 April	Conducted orientation of Alaminos LGU regarding the conduct of ECOFISH fish landing survey, socioeconomic survey, MPA trainings and conduct of fisheries management planning workshop
<b>May 2013</b>	
01 May	Conducted briefing of LGU regarding baseline assessment, ECOFISH work plan after elections, and identification and selection of enumerators.
05 May	Delivered lectures on ECOFISH and assisted in the conduct of LGU and enumerator training for baseline assessment for the Pangasinan site.
6 May	Conducted ECOFISH lectures and assisted in the conduct of LGU and enumerator orientation for baseline assessment for san Fernando, La Union sites with REECS, MERF and PPP consultant.
7-8 May	Conducted ECOFISH lectures and assisted in the conduct of training for enumerators for socioeconomic baseline surveys for Rosario and Sto. Tomas sites.
16 May	Conducted community lecture on MPA and coral reef ecology in Barangay San Vicente, Pagdalagan during Month of Ocean activities with 79 participants. The Kasay Fish Sanctuary is located in this area.
17 May	Conducted community lecture on MPA and coral reef ecology in Barangay San Agustin, san Fernando City in connection with the celebration of during Month of Ocean activities.
20-22 May	Assisted MERF in the conduct of enumerator training for fish landing survey in La Union.
30 May	Conducted community lecture on MPA and coral reef ecology in Barangay Lingsat, San Fernando City in connection with the celebration of Month of Ocean activities.
<b>June 2013</b>	
02 – 07 June	Conducted the MPA Monitoring and Habitat Assessment Methods Training for BFAR Region 1 staff in Alaminos, Pangasinan with 35 participants.
18-20 June	Conducted meetings with MAOs of municipalities of Rosario, Sto. Tomas and Agoo to secure copies of CRM Plans and arrange for SB orientation on ECOFISH to facilitate MOU presentation
21 June	Provided technical assistance to the LGU of Agoo on Artificial Reef establishment and management
24-28 June	Site Coordinator provided technical assistance to Sorsogon-Ticao Pass MKBA on development of a work plan for MPA establishment and strengthening; provided MPA training designs.

### 3.2.4. San Bernardino – Sorsogon Bay – Lagonoy Gulf

<b>April 2013</b>	
01-02 April	Reviewed documents at BFAR Region 8 regarding Biri, Capul and San Vicente municipalities (past resource assessment reports and FLA records).
03 April	Coordinated with BFAR Region 8 and LGU the COP's planned visit to Inopacan (Danajon Bank, Leyte side).
08 April	Meeting with Sorsogon PFO staff regarding details of BFAR assistance in



	Matnog (mangrove reforestation, fish sanctuary establishment, bangus and siganid culture demonstration cages, fish feeding enclosure in Juag Lagoon).
10 April	Participated in the briefing of Regional Director of BFAR Region 8, key staff, provincial personnel on ECOFISH, the progress of project implementation, upcoming activities and discussion and initial agreements on activities for collaboration.
11 April	Meeting with BFAR Region 8 staff to plan fieldwork in Biri.
15 April	Meeting with Sorsogon PFO staff for assistance in the conduct of the socioeconomic assessment.
17-18 April	Meeting with Sta. Magdalena MENRO for assistance in the conduct of the socioeconomic assessment. Collected barangay maps and list of household heads from the MPDC.
19 April	Meeting with Matnog Municipal Agriculturist for assistance in the conduct of the socioeconomic assessment.
20 April	Coordinated with BFAR Region 5 for UPMSI-MERF biophysical and fisheries assessment site entry meeting.
22 April	Coordinated with Matnog, Sta. Magdalena and Bulusan LGUs for UPMSI-MERF site entry meeting.
23-27 April	Conducted fieldwork in Biri with BFAR Region 8, ARD, staff and LGU fisheries technologist. Meetings with Mayor, Budget Officer, Treasurer, Sanguniang Bayan Secretary, Police Chief and barangay officials. Interview with fishers from Sto. Nino, San Pedro and Pio del Pilar regarding catch, seaweed culture, mangrove reforestation and fish sanctuary management.
29 April	Meeting with BFAR Region 8 staff to prepare for fieldwork in San Vicente.
30 April	Conducted fieldwork in San Vicente with BFAR Region 8 staff, Municipal Agricultural Officer and fisheries technologist.
<b>May 2013</b>	
01-06 May	Meetings with Mayor, SB members, MPDC, Assistant Treasurer and barangay officials. Interview with fishers from Tarnate, Sila, Sangputan and Maragat regarding fisheries catch.
07 May	Followed up request to LGUs for copies of documents to be used by the socioeconomic assessment.
08-09 May	Preparation activities and specific arrangements for the FGD and training of enumerators in connection with the socioeconomic assessment.
15 May	Follow up meeting with Sorsogon PFO regarding preparation for the socioeconomic assessment.
16 May	Updated BFAR Region 5 regarding preparation for the socioeconomic assessment.
18 May	Preparation activities and specific arrangements for the FGD and training of enumerators in connection with the socioeconomic assessment.
20-21 May	Consulted Matnog and Sta. Magdalena LGU officials in the selection of the barangays to be covered by the household survey of the socioeconomic assessment.
22 May	Updated Sorsogon PFO about preparation for the socioeconomic assessment and schedule meetings in July and August with mayors and SBs to orient them about BFAR projects including ECOFISH.

23 May 23 May	ECOFISH project orientation to Bulan municipal agriculturist personnel, collected secondary information, and selected barangays to be covered in the socioeconomic household survey in consultation with the Municipal Agriculturist, fisheries technologist and JICA fisheries volunteer.
28 May	Consultation with Northern Samar PFO regarding MOA and schedule of ECOFISH orientation and benchmarking with LGUs.
<b>June 2013</b>	
05 June	Consultation with Sorsogon PFO regarding the conduct and schedule of ECOFISH orientation and benchmarking with LGUs.
07 June	Consultation with BFAR Region 5 regarding MOA with LGUs and preparation for the socioeconomic assessment.
10-12 June	Preparation activities and specific arrangements for the FGD and training of enumerators in connection with the socioeconomic assessment including distribution of BFAR Region 5 letters to LGUs and selection of venues.
17-18 June	Assisted in the conduct of FGDs in Bulan, Matnog and Sta. Magdalena for the socioeconomic baseline assessment.
19-20 June	Assisted in the conduct of the household survey enumerators training for the socioeconomic baseline assessment.
24-25 June	Coordinated with the IEC Specialist regarding the design and program for the ECOFISH orientation and benchmarking and prepared activity proposal and budgetary estimate for the workshop.
26 June	Monitored progress in the conduct of the household survey
27-28 June	Preparation activities and specific arrangements for ECOFISH orientation and benchmarking.

### 3.2.5. Southern Negros

<b>April 2013</b>	
01-03 April	Preparatory activities and coordination needed for the conduct of socioeconomic baseline assessments and PPP scoping in the municipalities of Siaton and Sta. Catalina and Bayawan City for and hiring of enumerators.
09-11 April	Evaluation and briefing of fourteen socioeconomic household survey enumerators from the three LGUs.
16-17 April	PPP scoping and socioeconomic baseline assessment orientation with key LGU staff, FARMC chairpersons, MPA Management Board and fisherfolk association leaders from Siaton, Sta. Catalina and Bayawan City.
17-18 April	Project briefing, orientation and training for the socio-economic household enumerators on how to conduct the interviews.
22-30 April	Conduct of socio-economic household surveys in Barangays Siit, Albiga, Inalad, Mantuyop, Maloh, Cabangahan and Bonbon in Siaton, Barangays Poblacion, Cawitan, Alangilan, Manolongon, San Francisco and Fatima in Sta. Catalina and Barangays Villareal, Pangatban, Suba, Banga and Malabugas in Bayawan City
29 April	Monitoring of the socioeconomic surveys and meeting with the enumerators
<b>May 2013</b>	

01-15 May	Continuation of the socioeconomic household surveys in Barangays Siit, Albiga, Inalad, Mantuyop, Maloh, Cabangahan and Bonbon in Siaton, Barangays Poblacion, Cawitan, Alangilan, Manolongon, San Francisco and Fatima in Sta. Catalina and Barangays Villareal, Pangatban, Suba, Banga and Malabugas in Bayawan City
03 May	Presentation of the Fisheries and MPA baseline assessment activities to South Negros local partners. Meeting with focal persons from Siaton, Sta. Catalina and Bayawan City to orient project partners on the framework and activities of the baseline assessments for fisheries and MPA components and to agree on the work plan, such as schedule of activities and the role of partners for each activity.
07-08 May	Monitoring of the socio-economic surveys and meeting with the enumerators
09 May	Meeting with MAO, Fisheries Technician, MPDC and MENRO of the municipality of Cauayan on status of municipal water delineation, law enforcement status and CRM implementation concerns.
26-27 May	Training on the fish landing sampling and survey methods for the six (6) enumerators and Fisheries Technicians from Siaton, Sta. Catalina and Bayawan City. Facilitated the logistic needs and coordination requirements with the concerned LGU staff.
30 May	Focused group discussion with the QRT of BFAR Region 7 in Cebu City wherein the QRT's role, plans and activities for 2013 and ECOFISH sites and plans were presented at the same time discussed on possible joint or complementation activities.
31 May	Meeting on upcoming law enforcement activities and IEC materials needed in South Negros. Fisheries baseline assessments in Bayawan City to include FGDs and one on one interviews with fishermen in Barangays Suba and Tinago, rapid underwater assessments of the Lampirong, <i>Placuna placenta</i> Marine Reserve and the rest of Bayawan City waters.
<b>June 2013</b>	
01 June	Continuation of the fisheries baseline assessments in Bayawan City to include FGDs one on one interviews with fishermen in Barangays Pagatban, Malabugas, Banga and Villareal, rapid underwater assessments of Bayawan City waters.
01-30 June	Fish catch survey and sampling in major landing areas in Bayawan City, Sta. Catalina and Siaton
02-07 June	FGDs and one on one interviews with fishermen from Barangays Caranoche, Cawitan, Manalongon, Fatima, Alangilan and Nagbalaye in Sta. Catalina, Barangays Bonawon, Cabangahan, Maloh, Salag, Siit and Bonbonon in Siaton and rapid underwater assessments in Andulay, Siit MPA, Salag and other parts of Siaton and Sta. Catalina municipal waters.
17 June	Monitoring and meeting with fish catch survey enumerators from Siaton, Sta. Catalina and Bayawan City for surveys conducted from June 1-15.
22 June	Participated in the Reef and Coastal Clean-up in Sipalay City, Negros Occidental and gave a lecture on "Keeping the oceans blue" to students from Hacienda Maricalum Elementary School, Campomanes Bay residents, Sipalay

	City employees and Bantay Dagat members.
25-27 June	South Negros Fishery Law Enforcement Assessment Workshop in Bayawan City for the seven LGUs in South Negros, national law enforcement teams and technical support agencies objectives to assess and analyze the threats to the municipal waters, assess individual knowledge and skills of LGU fishery law enforcers, identify areas for improvement in addressing the threats, and agree on initial strategy with the ECOFISH, BFAR and PNP on how to approach the strategy based on an indicative 12-month plan.

### 3.2.6. Surigao del Norte and del Sur

<b>April 2013</b>	
03-04 April	FGD with partners for the socioeconomic baseline assessment in focal area LGUs of Placer, Bacuag and Gigaquit with socioeconomic specialist.
05-06 April	Coordinated the socioeconomic baseline survey training of enumerators.
07 April	Debriefing with socio economic specialist and research assistant.
11 April	Updated Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, FRMD, QRT, Fisherfolk Center Coordinator and Information officer of BFAR CARAGA regarding ongoing activities and recent accomplishments of ECOFISH.
12 April	Updated the PAO and PEMO of Surigao del Norte regarding on-going activities and recent accomplishments of ECOFISH.
16 April	Preparations for on-site dry run of fisherfolk registration in Gigaquit in collaboration with PAO, PEMO and MAO.
17 April	Meeting with socioeconomic baseline enumerators in Placer and Bacuag on issues and concerns in the conduct of field survey.
18 April	Finalization of contract of lease for office space for ECOFISH Project with building owner.
24 April	Orientation and preparatory meeting with BFAR FIMC, BFAR IPRG, PTV4 <i>Mag-Agri Tayo</i> Team, BFAR CARAGA, PAO and PEMO regarding the video shoot of on-site dry run of FishR in Gigaquit.
25-26 April	Video shoot and dry run of fisherfolk registration in Gigaquit, in collaboration with MAO of Gigaquit, BFAR FIMC, BFAR IPRG, PTV4 <i>Mag-Agri Tayo</i> Team, BFAR Caraga, PAO and PEMO of Surigao del Norte.
27 April	Debriefing with BFAR FIMC, BFAR IPRG, PTV4 <i>Mag-Agri Tayo</i> Team and BFAR Caraga.
<b>May 2013</b>	
02 May	Opening program of Farmers' and Fisherfolk Month Celebration of BFAR and the Province of Surigao del Norte.
07 May	Meetings with MAOs of Claver and Gigaquit regarding preparations for fisheries baseline information assessment, law enforcement, and socioeconomic survey.
08 May	Meetings with MAOs of Bacuag, Placer and Tagana-an regarding preparations for fisheries baseline information assessment, law enforcement, and socioeconomic survey.
09 May	Preparations for the enumerators' training on fish catch monitoring

10 May	Coordination with PFO in the selection of additional sampling site in Surigao City for fish catch monitoring.
14 May	Meeting with BFAR ECOFISH Focal Person and QRT on project updates and law enforcement
17,20 May	Coordination and preparation activities for the fish catch monitoring training including preparation of venue, food and materials
21-24 May	Facilitated the training of enumerators on fish catch monitoring
29 May	Monitoring of enumerator in Barangay Punta Bilar, Surigao City and follow up of sampling activities and other logistic and administrative concerns.
31 May	Closing program of Farmers' and Fisherfolk Month Celebration and video presentation of the previous month's ECOFISH-assisted on-site fisherfolk registration dry run in Gigaquit.
<b>June 2013</b>	
03 June	Orientation with newly hired CRS and introduction to BFAR CARAGA Regional Director and heads of divisions and sections.
05 June	Meeting with MAOs of Gigaquit, Bacuag and Claver regarding requirements for law enforcement workshops and trainings
06 June	Meeting with PCG and PNP-Maritime at Barangay Lipata detachment regarding law enforcement activities and requirements
09 June	Celebration of Coral Triangle Day in Gigaquit with local high school students, teachers and principal, in collaboration with PAO, MAO and LGU officials, cooperative members and officers
13 June	Presentation of project overview, accomplishments, on-going activities, issues and concerns to the Surigao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry during its 18 <sup>th</sup> Caraga Business Conference in Surigao City
14 June	Field visits to Tagana-an, Placer, Bacuag, Gigaquit and Surigao City to follow up on requirements in preparation for series of law enforcement training activities
18 June	Field visits to sampling sites in Tagana-an, Placer, Bacuag, Gigaquit, Claver and Surigao City to monitor sampling activities, and to distribute salaries and supplies to enumerators
20 June	Meeting with PNP-Maritime Regional and City Commands, PCG and MARINA regarding project overview and law enforcement activities
25 June	Meeting with BFAR PFO on project updates and introduction of newly hired CRS.
26 June	Meeting with Surigao City CAO Staff and PNP regarding law enforcement activities and requirements and with BFAR QRT Head on project updates and urgent issues on commercial harvesting of <i>Sargassum</i> .

### 3.2.7. Tawi-Tawi

<b>April 2013</b>	
03 April	Briefed PNP Maritime Group on the regulations for inspection of live fish and aquarium fishes and provided them with list of banned aquarium fishes under CITES.
05 April	Attended meeting with the federation of CSOs of Tawi-Tawi
08 April	Site visit to Pasiagan Fish Sanctuary and meeting with Tawi-Tawi Divers Club

	(TTDC). BFAR ARMM provided two sets of engine and the boat was provided by TTDC and will be used for the maintenance of the fish sanctuary. Two members of the TTDC trained as Bantay Dagat by BFAR.
16 April	Coordination with Bongao MFO and provided assistance to PNP Maritime Group that resulted into the apprehension of five fishing boats caught fishing with the use of compressor. The violation of the municipal ordinance resulted in confiscation of fishing paraphernalia under by the PNP-MG and imposition of fine of PhP 500 for each of the fifteen fishers by the Bongao LGU.
18 April	Meeting with Project Officer of Youth for Nature to discuss points of collaboration, partnership and engaging youth in environmental activities.
22 April	Assisted MSU CRM Director Dr. Filemon Romero on their construction of coral nursery at Tonggusong-Maruwa Fish Sanctuary.
26 April	Coordination with BFAR PFO in planning activities for the Month of the Ocean.
29 April	Courtesy visit and meeting with the new acting station commander of PCG of Tawi-Tawi, briefed them on project activities and the Leahy Vetting policy.
<b>May 2013</b>	
02 May	Orientation of the newly hired CRS regarding project activities, objectives and deliverables.
03 May	Coordination with DENR on the provision of mangrove propagules for mangrove planting in observance of the Month of the Ocean.
06 May	Monitored enumerators in the conduct of socioeconomic survey on fisher households.
20 May	Briefing of Chief of Police of Bongao and Investigator about the project and past engagement with PNP on fishery enforcement as well as compliance to Leahy Vetting protocol of USAID.
23 May	Coordination with LGU of Panglima Sugala and BFAR on the mangrove planting activity in Brgy. Balimbing.
25 May	Dinner meeting with OPAPP and the Bangsamoro Party for the preparation of the launching of Bangsamoro in Tawi-Tawi.
27 May	Mangrove planting activity in Barangay Balimbing, Panglima Sugala in observance of the month of the ocean, participated by LGU, BFAR and community members.
28 May	Attended Environmental Education Campaign of WWF-CTSP participated by the students of MSU, in observance of the month of the ocean.
<b>June 2013</b>	
03-06 June	Facilitated the conduct of training of enumerators for the fish catch monitoring, held in Bongao.
05 June	Conducted meeting with partners in preparation for the celebration of Coral Triangle Day.
08 June	Coordination with LGU officials, introduced enumerators, and orientation of partners on the conduct of fish catch monitoring in identified fish landing sites.
09 June	Conducted beach clean-up at Barangays Simandagit and Pasiagan in observation of the Coral Triangle Day, participated in by BFAR, PNP Maritime, Philippine Marines, Tawi-Tawi Divers Club, Bongao LGU and barangay officials.

21 June	Briefed Chief of Police of Sapa-Sapa on the project and the Leahy Vetting policy.
24 June	Administered MPA MEAT to MPAs and Fish Sanctuaries of Panglima Sugala.

### 3.2.8. Verde Island Passage

<b>April 2013</b>	
01 April	Attended and participated in the VIP Fisheries Management Consultative Planning Workshop.
02-04 April	Attended and participated in the meeting of PGENRO for the Integrated Information Management System Workshop preparation. Provided inputs particularly on priority data needed for coastal and marine resource management. Meeting with BFAR-PFO, provided updates on the status of implementation of ECOFISH as well as the changes in schedules.
08 April	Meeting with Calatagan MAO and technical staff for the preparation of the program for the 5th Annual Youth Camp
16-18 April	Assisted LGU-Agriculture Office staff in the preparation of lecture notes for the Youth camp.
	Assisted LGU in the 5th Youth Leadership Camp. ECOFISH team provided inputs on basic EAFM for the senior High School students and officers of environmental youth organization.
19 April	Courtesy call and dialogue with MENRO and MAO of Lemery and Taal and introduction of other ECOFISH technical staff that assisted the Youth Leadership Camp.
22 April	Meeting with OPA Fisheries Technician regarding the fisheries program of the Province and the prioritization of the fisher folk registration as one of the major target.
24 April	Attended and participated in the Municipal Festival. ECOFISH was invited as special guest during the Bangkarera. Meet with the PO leaders from the fishing villages in Mabini.
27 April	Follow-up schedule of dialogue with PNP-Maritime and PCG particularly regarding Leahy Vetting and collaborative undertakings and discussed with PNP-Provincial Chief on administration of Leahy Vetting forms and list of PNP Officers to be vetted.
<b>May 2013</b>	
02 May	Discussed were the activities of OPA and PFO on fisheries and prioritizing the activities. Provided inputs during the meeting particularly on the target of ECOFISH.
03 May	Courtesy call and dialogue Mayor of Balayan regarding activities and objectives of ECOFISH Project and identified 5 key business opportunities.
06 May	Presentation and project briefing on ECOFISH with Fisheries Management Office staff, Municipal Administrator, MAO and MENRO of Balayan.
07 May	Courtesy call and dialogue with PNP Maritime District Commander and core team, introduced ECOFISH project design, and discussed Leahy Vetting.

08 May	Courtesy call and dialogue with PCG Regional Commander and core team to introduce ECOFISH project design and discussed Leahy Vetting.
09-10 May	Preparation for the ECOFISH orientation and benchmarking with LGUs and other partners.
14 May	Attended meeting with BFAR-PFO on ECOFISH project implementation, and coordinated BFAR-NFRDI National Center in Taal regarding the municipal coastal profile and management plan of San Luis. NFRDI is assisting Municipalities of San Luis and Taal on their municipal coastal resource management.
May 16	Mobilized enumerators for fish catch monitoring training and meeting with BD Chairman and MAO of Tingloy on updates on the recent socioeconomic assessment.
17 May	Courtesy call and dialogue with Vice Mayor and SB of Tingloy to introduce ECOFISH to newly elected officials. Dinner and special guest during the victory party of the elected officials.
20 May	Coordination with Mabini MAO and Mayor for the use of Bantay Dagat Headquarters as venue for the enumerators training. Assisted in the preparation of the training venue, accommodation of the participants and dialogue with 3 middlemen regarding the permission to allow the conduct of practicum for the fish catch monitoring training in their landing sites.
21 May	Assisted MERF in the conduct of enumerators' training. Facilitated actual fish landing survey and interview of fishers
23 May	Conducted partners meeting, presented updates on the implementation of the Project to the MAOs, BD, MPDC, OPA, MFARMCs and BFAR-PFO from 8 partner municipalities.
24 May	Attended and participated in the VIP Fisheries Planning Consultative meeting with partners, PGENRO and identification of activities and sites, key informants for consultative meeting regarding closed season fishing.
28 May	Attended the post evaluation meeting on MPA MEAT results and schedule of turn over of awards, remaining activities under the CI-BALANCED Project, and provided input particularly on the management operation of the MPAs.
29 May	Meeting and focus group discussion of MAO and MENRO and the POs regarding the MPA establishment in Taal, provided technical inputs particularly on the steps in the establishment of MPAs and identify schedule of community consultation to present the rapid resource assessment of NFRDI.
<b>June 2013</b>	
03 June	Meeting with the Mabini MAO regarding the ongoing fish landing survey, upcoming biophysical surveys and FGDs and recruitment of enumerators.
04-05 June	Monitor gathering of fish catch and effort data of enumerators assigned in Tingloy Island.
06 June	Arranged and coordinated with BSU, PGENRO, OPA as well as the hotel accommodations of the U.S Embassy and ECOFISH Team on the Marine Forum and site visit of Dr. Nancy Knowlton, marine expert and resource speaker from Smithsonian Museum.
09 June	Attended and represented ECOFISH Project during the celebration of CTI Day.



	Participated in the actual mangrove tree planting with USAID COR in Barangay Balibago, Calatagan.
11 June	Participated and documented the Balayan Bay stakeholder's FGD on fisheries management at PGENRO, Batangas City.
12 June	Monitoring the fish landing survey of enumerator in Mabini, Batangas and provided guidance and validate reports.
13 June	Conducted orientation of Batangas Provincial Government on ECOFISH resulting to the endorsement of the engagement of a MOU between the Provincial Government of Batangas and ECOFISH Project. This was done through the Assistance of ECOFISH Site Coordinator for Lingayen Gulf MKBA, Mr. B. Francisco. Coordinated with Batangas State University to finalize the logistics and administrative needs for the Marine Forum with Dr. Knowlton.
14-15 June	Finalized venue arrangements in Taal, Batangas for the 3-day ECOFISH orientation and benchmarking workshop.
16-17 June	Finalized arrangement for the venue, hotel accommodation, food and courtesy call with provincial government officials for the U.S Embassy's site visit and marine forum of Dr. Knowlton.
18 June	Assisted U.S Embassy and USAID during the Marine Lecture series with Batangas National High School and Batangas State University. Provided technical and administrative assistance during the Marine Forum and courtesy call with the Provincial Executive Committees.
19 June	Provided technical and administrative assistance during the Batangas coastal law enforcement assessment and planning.
20-21 June	Provided technical and administrative assistance during the ECOFISH orientation and benchmarking for the coastal municipalities in the focal area in the VIP.
24 June	Provincial CRM meeting to provided update regarding the ECOFISH Project implementation.
28 June	Assisted and provided technical assistance to the Provincial CRM Office during the MPA feedbacking in Mabini and Calatagan. Presented the result of the MPA assessment and MEAT to Mayors of Mabini and Calatagan.

## 4. Important Accomplishments

### 4.1. Important Accomplishments at National Level

- Launch of the National Program for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR).
- Prepared and printed briefing materials on the FishR Program, distributed during the national program launching and regional launching of FishR.
- Drafted Fisheries Office Order (FOO) for FishR implementation (approved) and DILG Memorandum Circular to implement FishR (pending approval).

- Facilitated issuance of LMP Memorandum Circular in support of FishR implementation
- Prepared summary recommendations on improving administrative adjudication in Bohol as input to planned policy study to strengthen administrative adjudication nationwide.
- Prepared first draft of climate change strategy for ECOFISH, and policy paper on incorporating climate change considerations in EAFM.
- Drafted initial outline of the LGU Start-Up Guide and EAFM Curriculum
- Reviewed/commented on draft BFAR FAO on coral propagation
- Conducted field activities for the remaining five socio-economic baseline assessments including the conduct of focus group discussions as part of the baseline and coordination with the biophysical baseline assessment team to ensure that assessment activities complemented rather than duplicated each other.
- Designed database for encoding all socio-economic survey results; complete encoding activities by the end of July.
- Consultations with NAPC on the request for technical assistance in formulating a national poverty reduction plan for the fisheries sector. Specifics of the assistance are still being discussed.
- Finalized all preparations for the signing of MOU for strategic partnership on “TV White Space Supported Fisherfolk Registration in the Danajon Reef” to be held at July 3, 2013 at the Panglao Island Nature Resort and Spa.
- Briefing of BFAR Regional Director and key staff in Region 4-B and Region 8 on ECOFISH, discussion and initial agreements on activities for collaboration.
- Standardized sampling procedures and protocols for the fisheries baseline assessment with the Marine Environment and Resource Foundation (MERF) technical staff.
- Briefed DENR Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) key personnel and discussed areas of collaboration and resolution of overlaps with PAWB’s initiatives.
- Drafted protocols to estimate input parameters for information gaps to provide options for Visayan Sea management initiatives on small pelagics and blue crabs.
- Inception meeting of the BFAR Technical Working Group for the proposed closed season of the roundscad in Northern Palawan and tasking among various institutions, agencies, individuals, and projects to be involved.
- Endorsement of ECOFISH by the Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries of the Provincial Council of Palawan and approval by the Provincial Council during the plenary session.
- Reviewed and revised existing fisheries use zones of focal municipalities in the Calamianes Island Group and identified policies to support Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan (CLWUP) in general, and fisheries use zones in particular
- Agreements on assignments, tasking and mode of implementation during the focus group discussion (FGD) with commercial fishing operators, municipal fishers, and local government officials on the proposed closed season for several small pelagic species in Balayan Bay, VIP and part of Luzon Sea.
- ECOFISH orientation, EAFM benchmarking, fishery law enforcement assessment and action planning for the Verde Island Passage focal area municipalities.
- Developed framework for “EAFM Guidebook Series” that is envisioned to consolidate the courses for a national training program on EAFM. Comprising 11 modules, the series will be written in easy to follow style and “how to” format, intended to provide practical

advice as well as specific tools in implementing EAFM on the ground at both LGU and inter-LGU level.

- Updated various information materials from the Fish Project for dissemination to MKBA sites and upon request of partner NGOs. These were distributed during the conduct of the ECOFISH orientation workshops as well as during special events.

## **4.2. Important Accomplishments at Site Level**

### **4.2.1. Calamianes Island Group**

- The Palawan Provincial Council unanimously approved the endorsement of the resolution by the committee for the implementation of the ECOFISH project in the Calamianes Island Group. The endorsement of the resolution for the implementation of the project completed the needed requirements for the issuance of SEP Clearance.
- Organized and facilitated the 3-day Inter-LGU Marine Use Planning Workshop. The workshop, which focused on the drafting of Calamianes Marine Spatial Use Zone Plan for incorporation in the Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan (CLWUP), was participated in by the four LGUs in Calamianes Island Group. Key activities to facilitate the finalization, adoption and implementation were identified. The Technical Working Group (TWG), to spearhead the planning and coordination activities, will be created through Executive Orders from 4 Local Chief Executives of Calamianes.
- ECOFISH staff facilitated the learning visit of the Barangay Decabobo, Coron, to Cebu and Bohol. The interaction sessions with key leaders in the visited sites resulted in productive learning and sharing of information about management of MPAs, important roles of private sector, industry participation and barangay leaders in solid waste program and generated interest on how local police will better appreciate the coastal law enforcement and coastal and fisheries management through incentive system provided by the LGU and private public partnerships.
- Provided technical inputs on how to effectively manage the Siete Pecados Marine Park in Coron, Palawan. The LGU Coron is now pushing for an immediate review of the management plan and reorganization of the management council to address the concerns.
- Renewed strong partnership with 4 LGUs of Calamianes, DILG-Calamianes, PCSDS, DENR and BFAR.

### **4.2.2. Danajon Reef**

- Coordinated in the conduct of courtesy call and presentation of ECOFISH project to the Regional Director and key staff of BFAR Region 8 in Tacloban City.
- Briefing of the Provincial Fishery Officer of Bohol and Regional Director of BFAR Region 7 regarding the work plan and accomplishment of ECOFISH in Danajon Bank.
- Coordinated with the socioeconomic specialist in the conduct of FGD with the key staff in the municipalities of Getafe, Buenavista, Inabanga, Clarin, Tubigon.
- Facilitated the training of the enumerators for socioeconomic survey.

- Provided guidance and monitored the progress of enumerators on socioeconomic baseline assessment including review of submitted survey forms.
- Facilitated the conduct of round table discussion assessing the partner's experience in Adjudication Process.
- Facilitated the conduct of the three-day assessment and planning workshop on coastal law enforcement for the 5 municipalities of the focal area and 5 municipalities of the former FISH Project focal area.
- Facilitated the conduct of orientation by the PPP Specialist of Municipal Mayors of the five municipalities on the concept, objectives and framework of piloting the use of Super WiFi for the online registration of fisherfolk in Danajon Bank.
- Assisted the Bohol Coastal Resource Management Task Force during the celebration of Month of the Ocean month and the Bohol Rescue of Marine Mammals and Wildlife during the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Dolphin Festival and Environment month celebration. Shared information/inputs to the students and other participants and distributed IEC materials to the partners and audience.

#### **4.2.3. Lingayen Gulf**

- Secured rental of office space located along the national highway 1 kilometer from the BFAR Regional Office.
- Entered into agreement with the PAO to cooperate and share tasks in MPA strengthening, MPA Network establishment and conduct of workshops for the formulation of municipal fisheries management plans.
- Conducted training on MPA monitoring and habitat assessment for a core team of BFAR Region 1 MPA monitoring staff. The MPA monitoring report that resulted from the training contained updated data on coral reef and benthic life form distribution in several coral reef sites in the 100 Islands National Park in Lucap, Alaminos, Pangasinan. The report was eventually submitted by the BFAR to the municipal local government of Alaminos and the provincial government of Pangasinan for their reference. As a result, a recommendation to declare an extensive reef colony composed mainly of recruits (a sink area) was submitted by the trainees.
- The BFAR MPA monitoring team was subsequently tasked by the Regional Director to use the training skills in the conduct of MPA baseline assessments in La Union, Ilocos Sur and in Dalsol Bay in northwestern Pangasinan leading to the formulation of MPA Management Plans
- Facilitated the training of enumerators for both socioeconomic and fish landing surveys and monitored actual surveys and gathering of primary socioeconomic.
- Orientation of BFAR regional technical staff on MPA establishment and management.
- Training designs for the conduct of basic EAFM orientation presented to BFAR Region 1.

#### **4.2.4. San Bernardino – Sorsogon Bay – Lagonoy Gulf**

- Finalized draft MOA between the BFAR Region 5 and 6 and the municipal government to formalize the cooperation in the implementation of ECOFISH.

- Completed the collection of existing information about the municipalities as input to fisheries profile. Most of the documents contained sparse information and are three to ten years old.
- Fieldwork organized by the ARD of BFAR Region 8 was conducted in the 3 island municipalities. Technical staff from the regional and provincial offices surveyed feasible sites for fish sanctuaries, mangrove reforestation, seaweed and fish cage culture. The team interviewed fishers and officials in the various barangays.
- Facilitated the conduct of FGD and training of enumerators for the socioeconomic baseline assessment and the entry meetings for the actual data collection. The selection of the barangays and the hiring of enumerators were done in consultation with the LGUs
- Facilitated the training of enumerators for fisheries baseline assessments and logistics for the MPA baseline assessment.
- Provided guidance and monitored the progress of enumerators on socioeconomic baseline assessment including review of submitted survey forms.
- Collected existing information such as profiles, ordinances and maps required by the assessment. The BFAR Regional Office readily made available their personnel and vehicle to make arrangements with the LGUs easier.

#### **4.2.5. Southern Negros**

- Completed the socioeconomic household surveys in Siaton, Sta. Catalina and Bayawan City.
- Conducted scoping for PPP in Siaton, Sta. Catalina and Bayawan City.
- Assisted in the training of enumerators on catch monitoring FGDs and one on one interview with fisherfolks for the fisheries baseline assessments.
- Facilitated the conduct of underwater assessments for the MPA baseline assessment.
- Facilitated the conduct of coastal law enforcement assessment and planning.
- Facilitated the skills and capacity needs assessment of the BFAR- QRT in Regions 6 and 7 and local Fishery Law Enforcement Team members.

#### **4.2.6. Surigao del Norte and del Sur**

- Finalized lease agreement for the use of office space at the along Borromeo Street in Surigao City. While BFAR Caraga FRMD has been very gracious sharing space with ECOFISH, the bigger space at the new office should make daily office operation easier for the project staff and local partners.
- Completed the socioeconomic household surveys in three LGUs in the focal area including island barangays.
- Dry run and video shoot of on-site fisherfolk registration in Gigaquit to form part of materials for the launching of the National System for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR).
- Facilitated the training of enumerators for fisheries baseline assessments and logistics for the MPA baseline assessment.

- Established and monitored enumerators in designated sampling sites in the LGUs covered by ECOFISH in the province without overlapping with NSAP sites. These sites include two fish landings in the islands within Placer and Gigaquit.
- Presented of project overview of ECOFISH during the Chamber of Commerce Business Conference and made the business sector of the community aware of issues that need inter-LGU and multi-sectoral cooperation.
- Meeting with the Director of MARINA Regional Office 10 on opportunities for inter-agency cooperation in the registration of fishing vessels in the area. The Regional Director expressed enthusiasm in working closely with BFAR-ECOFISH and local partners, in forthcoming registration and law enforcement activities.

#### **4.2.7. Tawi-Tawi**

- Hiring of Community Relations Specialist.
- Completed the socioeconomic household surveys in three LGUs in the focal area including island barangays
- Participated in the celebration of the Month of the Ocean by conducting mangrove planting at Barangay Balimbing, Panglima Sugala municipality . About 5,000 pcs of mangrove propagules were planted in this activity that was participated in by LGU of Panglima Sugala, BFAR and community members.
- Participated in the celebration of the Coral Triangle Day by conducting beach clean up at Barangays of Simandagit and Pasiagan, Bongao Municipality. This activity was participated in by LGU official of Bongao, BFAR, PNP Maritime, Philippine Marines, Tawi-Tawi Divers Club and barangay officials.
- Briefed the LGU of Bongao and Panglima Sugala on the administration of MPA-MEAT to fish sanctuaries of Panglima Sugala.
- Accomplished and submitted documents of personnel of AFP and PNP in compliance with the Leahy Vetting requirement.
- Provided technical assistance to PNP Maritime in evidence gathering and documentation of fishers apprehended doing illegal fishing activities. This is in close coordination and collaboration with the MFO of Bongao and BFAR.
- Facilitated the training of enumerators for fisheries baseline assessments and monitored the actual catch and effort gathering activities.

#### **4.2.8. Verde Island Passage**

- Courtesy call with LGUs and Provincial Executive Committee. The Provincial government through its Executive Committee headed by the department heads warmly welcomed the Project and expressed strong support for the implementation of the programs.
- Draft MOU between the Provincial Government, BFAR 4A and ECOFISH was initially reviewed. Draft MOU is currently under review by the legal department of the Provincial Government.

- Facilitated and coordinated the preparation for the visit of the US Embassy staff and lecture series of Dr. Nancy Knowlton of the Smithsonian Museum.
- Made preparation and facilitated the conduct of the coastal law enforcement assessment and planning for the VIP municipalities in the focal area.
- Coordinated the preparation work and facilitated the ECOFISH orientation and benchmarking for the focal area municipalities in the VIP.
- Facilitated various consultation meetings and FGD with the fisherfolk, commercial fishers, and LGU officials for the proposed closed season for roundscad in Balayan Bay and neighboring waters.

## **5. Priority Implementation Issues**

### **5.1. Priority Implementation Issues at National Level**

- Support for FishR Program continues, to include interventions that have national scope, such as drafting of FOO implementing the Program nationwide. This has led to expectationa that ECOFISH will support field implementation nationwide, and not just in project sites. However, this was clarified with Dir. Perez that the support of the Project in actual implementation of fisherfolk registration will only be limited to project partner LGUs.
- Strategy for considering climate change impacts in fisheries is not yet clear among civil society and academic sector. Most of the work on climate change has focused on vulnerability assessments and adaptation strategies for coastal communities. The policy study on climate change that will be developed by ECOFISH will focus on impacts on the fisheries resources and corresponding adaptation actions to address the potential adverse impacts.
- The visit of Dr. Nancy Knowlton highlighted the fact that LGUs [as well as BFAR] see the use of fish aggregating devices or “payaos” as a solution to decrease in fish stocks and impact on biodiversity. ECOFISH will need to develop a policy or advocacy strategy that will assess the effectiveness and impacts of FADs.
- Preparation of the LGU Start-up Guide and Training Curriculum has been delayed pending the completion of the orientation-benchmarking workshops. The results of the workshops will indicate what subject matter and approach the Guide and Curriculum will take. The training materials will probably not be finalized until Year 3, but in the meantime, the training will use drafts that will be improved and finalized into training kits and guidebooks based on the results of the actual trainings.
- Trainings intended for QRTs could not immediately take off because the roles and current appointment status of most QRTs are unclear. Instead, the project will focus on conducting law enforcement capability assessments with participation of QRTs assigned in the project sites.
- The project is cautious in providing technical assistance to NAPC in the drafting of a National Poverty Reduction Plan for the Fisheries Sector, as BFAR and NAPC are still in deep discussions on how to pursue the plan. NAPC will be asked to formally request for the project’s assistance, and BFAR’s approval will be sought.

- ECOFISH will monitor closely the establishment of TV White Space-based connectivity in the Bohol pilot sites, which will facilitate the mobile registration option. The team will also work closely with its partners to properly design the partnership's implementation strategy.

## **5.2. Priority Implementation Issues at Site Level**

### **5.2.1. Calamianes Island Group**

- The schedule of activities was greatly affected by the election and transition period, especially in the Municipality of Coron and Linapacan where new mayors were elected to office.
- Conflicting schedules of the four municipalities resulted to postponement of workshops and meetings with partners.

### **5.2.2. Danajon Reef**

- The approval and signing of the MOU between BFAR-ECOFISH, the Province and the respective MLGUs were delayed due to election. The deliberation is moved to August 2013.

### **5.2.3. Lingayen Gulf**

- The DENR and partner local governments are in the process of updating of Municipal CRM Plans. ECOFISH Lingayen needs to capitalize on this initiative to start and incorporate fisheries management initiatives into the CRM planning sessions.
- Training designs for EAFM directed at enhancing knowledge of BFAR staff and key LGU personnel needs to be conducted in the next quarter. This will be in preparation for the conduct of fisheries management plan formulation with key BFAR staff and ECOFISH.
- There is an urgent need for ECOFISH to provide technical assistance and capacity building to strengthen local government knowledge and community competency on MPA management. ECOFISH has provided technical assistance to one of the three MPAs in San Fernando City that are in the process of establishment or strengthening. The City has already requested ECOFISH for the conduct of MPA trainings to the ENRO and PAO staff.
- ECOFISH needs to formulate technical guidelines on artificial reef (AR) establishment and management as protected area. Five local government partners in the MKBA do not have coral reefs and all are expecting assistance for AR establishment.
- There is a huge data set on Lingayen Gulf coastal environment and consolidation into an environmental profile will require extra effort.
- The orientation of new SBs and local chief executives should be done immediately in order to enable local approval of the proposed ECOFISH MOU. ECOFISH should enable



BFAR participation in the conduct of SB Orientation and assist BFAR in completing MOU signing as the principal signatory.

- ECOFISH Lingayen will benefit from an immediate orientation and engagement of local FARMCs in promoting EAF strategies in the future.

#### **5.2.4. San Bernardino – Sorsogon Bay – Lagonoy Gulf**

- None

#### **5.2.5. Southern Negros**

- ECOFISH orientation for the newly elected Local Chief Executives in the municipalities of Sta. Catalina, Bayawan City, Basay and Hinobaan will have to be conducted through another round of courtesy calls and orientation.
- The fish catch surveys started in June 2013 which is also the start of the lean season for fishing in Southern Negros. The timing could have been matched with the peak fishing season. The content of the socioeconomic and fisheries survey questionnaires are almost the same. The survey questionnaires should be consolidated in the future to minimize on costs and time for monitoring and reviewing the accomplished forms.
- The finalization of contract for the Community Relations Specialist (CRS) has taken quite some time whose assistance could have been very helpful in the simultaneous baseline assessment activities.

#### **5.2.6. Surigao del Norte and del Sur**

- Illegal fishing practices, specifically *liba-liba*, *boso* and dynamite, are getting more rampant. In the case of *liba-liba*, LGUs and fisherfolk are looking forward to the issuance of the FAO that would completely ban said fishing method. Creation or strengthening of inter-LGU and inter-agency cooperation that would address illegal fishing problems is getting more urgently needed. Strengthening ties especially with PNP-Maritime, PCG, BFAR, MARINA, and partner LGUs should be able to effectively respond to current fishing situation.
- Consider coverage of Del Carmen in the Island District of Siargao in initial law enforcement activities. Mayor Alfredo Coro II has been claiming accounts of hot pursuits at sea involving armed *liba-liba* fishing fleets allegedly from nearby municipalities. ECOFISH-initiated law enforcement activities might be able to assist said LGU in properly responding to rising illegal fishing activities in the area.
- The roles and functions of the BFAR QRT and PFO may need revisiting. In a number of instances, some LGUs have been confused and felt seemingly tossed to and from these two BFAR offices. Being at the frontline of the Bureau's service delivery, PFO has been the help desk approached by the LGUs when they seek assistance in pursuing cases against illegal fishers, among other fisheries concerns. It would perhaps help if the newly created QRT would be integrated with the PFO to avoid confusion and improve performance of the Bureau.

- While fingers always point to LGUs when it comes to enforcement of fishery and coastal laws in municipal waters, LGUs expressed in meetings their disappointment with BFAR's inadequate technical support, especially on the issue of the massive hauling, landing, transport and trading of brown seaweeds (*Sargassum sp*) and other ecologically important species. LGUs also noted that BFAR should not only provide supplies and materials to establish marine sanctuaries, but also provide training and technical advice that would guide LGUs in the management of these interventions. Strengthening of BFAR's technical capability and improving delivery of its services may considerably be prioritized.

### 5.2.7. Tawi-Tawi

- Due to the Leahy Vetting requirements of the USAID, enforcement activities and intervention have been hindered.
- Training on EAFM with BFAR ARMM must be undertaken for them to have a full understanding on the concept of the EAFM as an approach and how the elements are made to work on the ground.

### 5.2.8. Verde Island Passage

- Participation and attendance of LGU focal persons on CRM (MAO, FMO, MENRO from municipalities of Taal, Tingloy, Calaca, Balayan and San Luis) in project activities were hindered by the deferment of their appointment due to the elections. Most of the Focal Personnel are only designated and co-terminus with the LCE.
- Conflicting schedule of MAOs and MPDCs due to activities of LGUs and commitments with their other assisting partners.
- Conflicting schedules and participation to ECOFISH activities, DA-BFAR, OPA, PNP and DILG.
- Coordination issues with UP-MERF particularly on schedule of field activities, recruitment of enumerators, coordination with the LGUs, training needs and conduct of surveys and FGDs.
- Rotation of personnel of the Batangas Provincial PNP, particularly the Community Relations Officer of the PNP Maritime District Commands.

## 6. Important Upcoming Schedule of Activities

July 2013	
03 July	Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DOST, Microsoft, BFAR-ECOFISH and LGUs to pilot TV White in Danajon Reef. Tagbilaran City
17-19 July	ECOFISH Orientation for the LGU and other partners in the municipalities of the focal area in San Bernadino - Lagonoy - Ticao Pass MKBA. Sorsogon City,
23-24 July	Launching of the National System for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration

	(FishR) in BFAR Region 5. Legaspi City
24-26 July	Fishery law enforcement assessment and planning for the Calamianes Island Group MKBA. Coron, Palawan
25 July	Launching of the National System for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR) in BFAR Region 8. Tacloban City
31 July-02 August	ECOFISH Review of Year 1 Activities and Accomplishments and Year 2 Annual Work Planning. Cebu City
<b>August 2013</b>	
07-09 August	Community partnership training. Coron, Palawan
13-14 August	Launching of the National System for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR) in BFAR Region 1. La Union City
13-15 August	Meeting with USAID's Measuring Impacts Team. Metro Manila
19-20 August	Launching of the National System for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR) in BFAR CARAGA. Butuan City
21-22 August	Scoping for partnership with communities in Surigao del Norte. Butuan City
22 August	Launching of the National System for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR) in BFAR Region 7. Cebu City
26-28 August	Fishery law enforcement assessment and planning for the Tawi-Tawi MKBA. Bongao, Tawi-Tawi
29-30 August	Courtesy call on the Provincial government of Tawi-Tawi and municipal LGU officials Bongao, Tawi-Tawi,
<b>September 2013</b>	
03-04 September	Launching of the National System for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR) in BFAR Region 4A. Quezon Province.
12-13 September	Launching of the National System for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR) in BFAR ARMM. Zamboanga City
17-19 September	Fishery law enforcement assessment and planning for the Surigao del Norte MKBA. Butuan City
19-20 September	Launching of the National System for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR) in BFAR Region 4B. Puerto Princesa, Palawan
23-27 September	Survey on Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) particularly for tourism in Surigao del Norte. Surigao del Norte
24-25 September	Launching of the National System for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (FishR) BFAR in Region 4B. Calapan, Mindoro
25 September	Workshop with partners to develop the framework for the State of the Marine Resource Report. Quezon City